

## USCG 'recovers' Army aviators from Pacific

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The Army and Coast Guard conducted a joint search and rescue training exercise, July 17, off the west coast of Oahu.

The training consisted of 25 Army pilots from the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, being hoisted and recovered by rescue crews stationed at Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point.

Army pilots are required to complete training where they are taught how to properly use their aviation floatation devises and markings, how to egress a helicopter that is underwater and how to contact the necessary agencies that would be needed for rescue and recovery.

Capt. Dustin Perkins, commander, Troop C, didn't want this type of training to be the only thing his pilots knew; he wanted to add to and give his pilots the opportunity to experience something they commonly wouldn't.

"Knowing that many of our possible missions could be conducted over water, I wanted to build on the already required water training my pilots have gone through," said Perkins. "This training will allow them to work with their survival gear a little more. And any time you can conduct training that is tough and realistic, you build confidence in yourself and your equipment, and that is what we are wanting to accomplish."

This training included rescue swimmers and pilots from

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An Army pilot dangles from an USCG MH-65C Dolphin helicopter from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point during a joint training exercise conducted between the 2nd Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt. 25th CAB, 25th ID, and the USCG off the west coast of Oahu, July 17. The exercise was to recover Army pilots who had crashed over water, build confidence in their water survival equipment and familiarize them with USCG recovery techniques.

## 94th AAMDC briefs McHugh

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**FORT SHAFTER** — With the U.S. Army's growing strategic role in the Pacific region, Secretary of the Army John McHugh visited the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, July 16, where he was briefed on the unit's successful deployment to Guam of a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense System (THAAD).



Brig. Gen. Daniel Karbler (right), commander, 94th AAMDC, welcomes Secretary of the Army John McHugh to the 613th AOC for a brief on mission and capabilities, July 16. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Karry James, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Public Affairs)

"The men and women of the 94th AAMDC provide our nation and the region with a critical strategic capability," McHugh said. "Their efforts strengthen our defenses for American citizens in the U.S. territory of Guam and

U.S. forces stationed there."

Brig. Gen. Daniel Karbler, the 94th AAMDC commanding general, briefed McHugh on the 94th AAMDC's role in supporting the rebalance in the Pacific.

"THAAD is an example of the type of mobile, relocatable missile defense capability that makes it possible to move assets from one region to another in time of crisis, which is important to our national military strategy," McHugh said.

Capt. Stephen Mercer, sensor manager, provided an interactive overview of the mission of the sensor management cell. The 94th AAMDC cell is located within the Air Force's 613th Air Operations Center at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"The sensor management cell is an integral element of the Integrated Air and Missile Defense cell within the Air and Space Operations Center. On a day-to-day basis, we pull crew shifts 24 hours, seven days a week, and our noncommissioned officers are widely recognized as subject matter experts on ballistic missile defense for the entire theater," said Mercer.

Earlier this year, McHugh noted the Army's leadership in missile defense during Congressional testimony on the President's 2013 U.S. Army Budget Request meeting.

"As we develop jointly into our new (national defense) strategy, the Army has expertise in those missile defense platforms, and if we can fulfill an expanded role in that mission, that would be something that we would want to pursue very anxiously," McHugh said.

The 94th AAMDC continues to expand and build partnership capacity across the Pacific theater to ensure U.S. forces and allies are trained and ready to defeat the current and future air and missile threat.

## Sec Army, USARPAC CG pay respects to late HI senator

**U.S. ARMY-PACIFIC**

News Release

**HONOLULU** — Secretary of the Army John McHugh and Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, honored the late Senator Daniel Inouye, Tuesday, at a wreath-laying ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

At the time of his death in December, Inouye was the second longest-serving senator in U.S. history.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Inouye enlisted in the Army and served with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The unit was comprised of Japanese-Americans who fought the enemy overseas and prejudices at home.

Given a battlefield commission, Inouye displayed gallantry in combat leading his men, despite being wounded several times, including the loss of his right arm.

Inouye was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, but the award was upgraded decades lat-

er to the Medal of Honor.

Inouye's relationship with the Army continued through his entire life, and he championed the cause to elevate USARPAC to a four-star command.

McHugh said that the appointment of Brooks to be that four-star commander "speaks very clearly as to our role in the international defense posture, our intent to be very forward-leaning in making the Army part of the future in this region."

"Really for us, it is a return to our roots," McHugh said. "It may not be evident to everyone, but the fact of the matter is the Army has for decades upon decades been a major presence in the Pacific."

"The last 12 years have caused us to focus in two theaters of conflict," McHugh continued, "but as those have begun to wind down in the last year, it allows us to get back to the things we've been doing very, very well for a very long time."



Secretary of the Army John McHugh (right) and Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, hold a moment of silence during a wreath-laying ceremony to honor the late Sen. Daniel Inouye at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Tuesday. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Crista Mack, U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs)

## Home cybersecurity is vital to preventing hacking, phishing, more

Story and photo by  
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Public Affairs

**FORT SHAFTER FLATS** — Safety and security on home computers is paramount to the safety and security of the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, and they were the topic of discussion at a family readiness group meeting, July 17.

Soldiers from the unit's communications section (G6) gave a two-hour class to Sol-

diers and their families on how to better protect their home computers from hackers.

Instruction during the class included how to avoid being victims of would-be hackers who tend to park outside of homes and restaurants, awaiting unsuspecting people using unsecured WiFi to log on to their computers.

"Being able to work from your computer at home, without intrusion from hackers po-

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Police Call

# Alcohol incidents track at 0.08 – or below

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Incidents and crimes revolving around alcohol continue to be an ongoing problem on U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii installations.

The Directorate of Emergency Services encourages community members to drink responsibly by always having a designated driver and avoiding dangerous binge drinking practices.

Anyone with a possible drinking problem should be referred to the Army Substance Abuse Program so that he or she can receive proper training and treatment to prevent harming self and others.

In Hawaii, individuals can be charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, for having a blood alcohol content (BRAC) of 0.08. First-time offenders are subject to a one year revocation of their license, mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device in any vehicle they operate, revocation of driving privileges on post, up to 72 hours of community service, two to five

days of imprisonment, and a fine of between \$25 and \$1,000.

Military members are also subject to actions under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), to include separation from the service under other than honorable conditions.

Individuals under 21 may be charged with operating a vehicle after consuming a measurable amount of alcohol, even if their BRAC is below 0.08.

The following are excerpts of actual Military Police (MP) blotter entries from the USAG-HI area of operations. Subjects are innocent until proven guilty.

**MP Blotter**  
•June 22, a patrol made a traffic stop at the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) shoppette for a silver pickup truck with a defective headlight. During the stop, the patrol noticed a strong smell of alcohol as he spoke with the driver. The



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driver's license also revealed that he was only 20 years old.

Military Police performed a standardized field sobriety test on the driver, in which the driver performed poorly. The driver claimed he was a local civilian who was visiting a service member in AMR. The suspect was detained and escorted to the Fort Shafter Police Desk where he submitted a breath sample that resulted in a BRAC of 0.119 percent. The driver was processed and released on his own recognizance. His vehicle was towed.

Community members are reminded that all guests fall under the responsibility of the military sponsors who bring them on post. Misconduct by civilian guests while on USAG-HI installations will ultimately be reported back to the sponsor's unit.

•June 22, a call was received about a domestic disturbance in progress at a residence in the Schofield Barracks Akolea housing area. A staff sergeant and his wife were involved in a verbal dispute that turned physical when the spouse allegedly bit the Soldier's wrist and ripped his shirt off, causing scratch-

es to his back.

The staff sergeant allegedly threw his wife to the floor, punched her numerous times and then threw her against a bookshelf. Both individuals suffered minor injuries that didn't require hospitalization. Both were apprehended and transported to the Schofield Barracks Police Desk where they were processed, administered Breathalyzer tests (resulting in positive results for alcohol) and released to the Soldier's unit representative.

Social work services and ASAP were notified of the incident, and the couple was subject to a 72-hour mandatory separation period.

- Upcoming Community Events**
  - July 27: Army 10 Miler Qualifier (Schofield Barracks)
  - Aug. 6: Kaena Community Center National Night Out
  - Aug. 10: Leilehua Summer Concert Series feat with Kaika Kahiapo (Leilehua Golf Course)
  - Sept. 30: Army Community Service Home Alone Class (Aliamanu Community Center)

## BACKTObASICS

# B2B invests awareness of troops' lives

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Back to basics in the Army Reserve means spending face time with our Soldiers and paying more attention to detail.

With a high operational tempo in today's Army Reserve, Soldiers may sometimes overlook the basics. As senior noncommissioned officers, we must prevent this neglect by engaging our Soldiers with one-on-one face time.

When engaging our Soldiers, we must understand that there are three key elements to every Army Reserve Soldier's life: family, civilian job and the Army Reserve career.

Throughout a Soldier's Army Reserve career, one of these elements may surge and take priority over the others. When this action happens, life becomes a balancing act.

As senior NCOs, one basic thing we can do for our Soldiers is to make a sincere effort to really get to know them,



Kwan

not only during a battle assembly (drill weekend), but also when they are in a non-duty status. We need to be aware of what is going on in their civilian lives.

Tracking your Soldier's performance through counseling and mentorship is a good technique; in order to understand what motivates them, you must gain their trust and confidence. We must listen to their concerns and address issues in a timely manner.

Keeping a leader's book, to include a Soldier's family information, may help NCOs understand the dynamics of their Soldier's job performance. For example, having a new addition to the family or losing a loved one are significant events to deal with, and when leaders are engaged, they can adjust to the situation. Soldiers appreciate this kind of leadership.

A Soldier's family life is the foundation and support he/she needs to be successful. If things aren't going well at home, these issues carry over into a Soldier's performance on duty. The same applies with a Soldier's civilian employer since an Army Reserve Soldier's civilian job is normally what pays the bills.

As senior NCOs, another way of taking care of our warriors is to know how they are balancing their civilian jobs with the demands of their Army Reserve com-

mitment. This balance includes time off from their civilian careers to complete the NCO Education System, annual training, and attending conferences and workshops. The list goes on.

We should invest time to talk with Soldiers' employers, explaining the role their employee has and thanking the employer for their continued support to the Army Reserve. I have personally seen this attention to detail pay dividends when it comes to gaining support and trust from both Soldiers and their employers. Relationship building with employers makes dealing with work conflicts a little easier for all involved.

Having the privilege to serve comes with a lot of responsibility, and our Soldiers deserve the best we can accomplish to help them thrive with the family, in their civilian jobs and in their Army Reserve career.

Maintaining standards and instilling discipline within our ranks has always been a foundation for us to follow, and the NCOs are the ones to get it done.

By engaging our Soldiers with more face time and really understanding their overall situation outside of the Army, we can help prioritize their career progression within the Army and help them balance their family life and civilian careers.



## Shafter Legal to reopen

**U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII**  
Public Affairs Office

The Fort Shafter Legal Assistance Office reopens to clients Tuesday, July 30.

Legal Assistance attorneys provide services for military personnel, family members and retirees on a variety of legal topics, including wills, powers of attorney and notary services, family law issues, landlord/tenant disputes, military rebuttals, and more.

Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Friday, with appointments taken on a walk-in basis.

The office is located in the Aloha Center, Building 330. Call 438-2626.

Clients may also visit or call the Schofield Barracks Legal Assistance Office, Building 2037, at 655-8607.

# Fast of Ramadan is blessed, momentous

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Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim lunar calendar and a momentous occasion for the Muslim community throughout the world.

The first day of Ramadan 2013 was July 9, and Eid ul-Fitr (the festival of gaining control over one's desires) will be on Thursday or Friday, Aug. 8 or 9.

The Qur'an states, "O you who believe, fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may (learn) self-restraint" (Qur'an 2:183).

Muslims abstain from food and drink during the hours of daylight for 30 days during Ramadan. Fasting is a time when Muslims concentrate on their faith and spend less time with material concerns. It is a time of self-improvement and charitable acts.

At the end of each day, the fast is broken with prayer and a meal called iftar. Following the iftar, it is customary for

Muslims to visit with family and friends. The fast is resumed the next morning after a small meal called suhur.

During Ramadan, it is common for Muslims to perform acts of kindness and charity, as well as to participate in itikaf (a retreat) in the Masjid (mosque). During the retreat, Muslims spend time praying and studying the Qur'an.

Also during Ramadan, Muslims recite a special prayer called the Taraweeh prayer. The length of this prayer is usually longer than the daily prayers. It is common for Muslims to read one thirtieth of the Qur'an each day during the month.

Muslims also celebrate the Laylat-al-Qadr (Night of Power). Muslims believe that on this night Muhammad first received the revelation of the Holy Qur'an



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97:1-5. The specific night of "Laylat al-Qadr" is unknown but believed to be within the last 10 nights of Ramadan. Often Muslims retreat in the Masjid during some or all of these days.

One nullifies a day of fasting by losing one's temper, committing slander or backbiting, telling a lie, acts of greed or covetousness. Although considered offensive at all times, such offenses during fasting are unacceptable.

When the fast ends, Muslims celebrate for three days. This holiday is called Eid-al-Fitr. Muslims exchange gifts with friends and family, gather to pray in congregation, eat together and enjoy recreational activities.

Supervisors should be mindful of the physical strain this month has on their personnel and adjust work schedules to accommodate those Muslims participating in Ramadan, as well as allow for leaves and passes when appropriate to take part in spiritual retreats or holiday celebrations.

Peace and blessings during this blessed occasion to all.

# Voices of Ohana

Public schools start Aug. 5.  
"What is your favorite part about going back to school?"  
Photos by School Liaison Office; Child, Youth and School Services; Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii



"I will be able to be with my friends."

**Marisol Hernandez**  
Eighth-grade student, Wheeler Middle School



"Returning after a fun-filled summer to see familiar faces ready to get back to the exciting business of educating the child of Hawaii!"

**Sally Omalza**  
Acting principal, Solomon Elementary School



"Meeting my new teacher and making new friends."

**Aliyah Riosgallard**  
Third-grade student, Solomon Elementary School



"That my daughter will advance in her education."

**Spc. Melony Rosario**  
45th SB, 8th TSC, and parent of a middle school student



"Meeting the new students, because they are so young and their eyes are wide open about the new classroom and experiences they are going to have."

**Stephanie Teraoka**  
Teacher, Wheeler Elementary School



# USARPAC commander tours island training sites

U.S. ARMY-PACIFIC  
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FORT SHAFTER — The view from high above the island was majestic, but it was only at ground level that the Army’s newest four-star general was able to see some of the challenges facing commanders in Hawaii.

Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, took his first aerial and ground tour of island training facilities, July 19.

Two UH-60 Black Hawks from 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, picked up the general on Palm Circle at Fort Shafter and airlifted him to get a birds-eye view of East Range at Schofield Barracks’ Area X, the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility at Kahuku, and Makua Military Reservation (MMR).

“We want to make sure our troops get the best opportunity to train,” said Brooks.

Brooks’ helicopter, with a four-star placard on its side window, landed at 25th ID headquarters where the general received an operational brief and then toured “inadequate” company and battalion operations facilities at B Quad complex, Building 360, and temporary trailers at Martinez Field.

Brooks said he wasn’t pleased with some of the sub-standard conditions.

“It was well worth seeing because of the great sacrifice and morale that I see in our Soldiers. We can be proud of what they’re doing, but need to be more focused on gaining the resources that are needed to help them live in the right kind of standard,” said Brooks.

The facilities currently house units from 2nd Stryker and 3rd Bde. Combat Teams. Brooks was briefed on an alternative plan to fund expansion and movement of these units to upgraded locations on Schofield Barracks until military construction funding is restored.

Brooks also toured MMR and was given a thorough briefing by representatives of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii about MMR’s importance to unit training, as well as its environmental and cultural significances.

“The Army has much to be proud of concerning its environmental stewardship out there. The Army is doing a great job keeping the valley in good shape,” said Brooks, referring to the \$4.5 million the Army spends each year to protect cultural sites and to protect and rehabilitate endangered species in the valley.



Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, views Pearl Harbor from the seat of a UH-60 Black Hawk during an aerial reconnaissance of Hawaii Army facilities across the island, July 19. The visit enabled Brooks, who recently assumed command of USARPAC, to meet and greet Soldiers at Schofield Barracks, the Lightning Academy and other Army training areas while simultaneously familiarizing himself with the facilities. Brooks was joined by Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller , commander, 25th Infantry Division, and senior commander, U.S. Army Hawaii. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Crista Mary Mack, U.S. Army-Pacific)

As wartime operations wind down, the Army’s presence on Oahu will revert to its prewar levels, meaning that there will again be seven full brigades and other large units of Soldiers permanently stationed among Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield and Fort Shafter. The capability to train locally will again be critical.

“Certainly with us being back and committed to the Pacific once again, training opportunities and space will be a premium,” Brooks said.

Brooks also landed at East Range in Wahiawa and toured the newly established Lightning Academy, a learning center offering resident courses that mentally and physically challenge young officers and noncommissioned officers on a variety of infantry skills.

The general was also briefed on the return of the Jungle Operations Leaders Course that will call East Range home.



Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller (left), commander, 25th Infantry Division and senior commander, U.S. Army Hawaii, briefs Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, on proposed military construction plans for Quad B and surrounding buildings during a tour at Schofield Barracks, July 19. (Photo courtesy U.S. Army-Pacific)



# USCG: Coasties ‘rescue’ Soldiers

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Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point and two 45-foot response boats stationed at Sand Island that assisted by picking up the Army pilots and taking them to the training site off the west coast of Oahu.



Coast Guardsman rescue swimmer Aviation Survival Technician 3 Maiava Ilima (left) extracts Chief Warrant Officer 3 Tyson Martin, OH-58 Kiowa pilot, 2nd Sqdn., 6th Cav. Regt., 25th CAB, 25th ID, during a joint training exercise off the west coast of Oahu, July 17.

The morning started off with a safety brief and orientation from the boatswain’s mates aboard the two response boats, before the Army pilots boarded the vessel and headed out of Ko’olina harbor. Once the boats arrived on station, approximately a mile or so off the coast, the MH-65C Dolphin recovery helicopter arrived on scene, and the operation was underway.

“This was not only a great opportunity to assist the Army pilots with their training, but it also gave us an opportunity to hone our skills as well,” said Coast Guardsman Lt. Christopher McAndrew, helicopter pilot assigned to Barbers Point. “We fly quite often and have to conduct many rescue missions throughout the year, but this gives us the opportunity to train in a more controlled environment to perfect our rescue techniques.”

The Army pilots jumped into the water with full gear and deployed life vests as the rescue swimmers took turns hoisting the pilots in different fashions. This method was to train them in various techniques of being rescued by aircraft. In just an hour and a half, the rescue crews had extracted 25 Army pilots from the open ocean.

“This was an amazing opportunity to train outside of our comfort zones and create a new partnership with the Coast Guard,” said Perkins. “We are thrilled to have the opportunity to conduct training like this and are looking forward to the upcoming opportunities and training we may be able to share with them.”

## MAIL CALL DOWNRANGE

## DEPLOYED FORCES



CAMP MARMAL, Afghanistan — Pfc. Elissa Rosas (left), 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 45th Sust. Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, delivers an important care package to Spc. Nakia Williams, 524th CSSB, 45th SB, at the company supply room, here. Mail is directly connected to morale during the unit’s nine-month tour of the area, making Rosas a key link to the health and welfare of Task Force Hannibal. (Photo by Spc. Angelica Blair, 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 45th Sust. Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command)

# Cyber: Security program for home computer use available, free, at AKO

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tentially compromising your identity, is as important to 94th AAMDC’s G6 as it is to the command’s own cybersecurity network,” said Master Sgt. Ruth Anderson, communications section enlisted leader.

Some of the same services provided by the communications section to the command are now available to secure and maintain the Soldiers and family members of the 94th AAMDC for computer network access.

The command has switched gears and is helping with cyber home use due to an ever-growing amount of phishing email scams, hacking and outright home invasion.

Soldiers can download security for free for their computers on the Army Knowledge Online website. Also, security for mobile phones was also brought up in the training.

“I found the class really helpful, and it expanded my knowledge in under-

standing how I can better protect my cell phone,” said Sgt. Russell Lane, senior theater ballistic missile analyst.

Anderson said that feedback from the class has prompted her to start planning more instruction seminars with similar topics.

Spc. Hunter Reiner, intelligence analyst, who is well experienced with computer security on his personal devices, pointed out how the class dealt with many ways to protect home computers and mobile phones.

“I think the class was great for people with little to no experience with computer security,” Reiner said. “It covered spoofing, wireless security, phone security, storage security and more.”

Reiner also commented that some portions of the class, which seemed to be a little more advanced for some personnel, could be a separate class.

“There were so many people who showed up for this class, and I had so much information to give them in such

### Internet terminology

The following are definitions of frequently mentioned terms.

- Hacking — finding and exploiting weaknesses in a computer system.
- Phishing — pretending to be a trusted source while fishing around for passwords, credit card details, etc.
- Spoofing — emails that use a forged sender address.
- Geotagging — geographical information that identifies your location.

a short time, that the plan is to break up the information into two or three different sessions in the future,” said Anderson.

Lane said he learned that, at the very least, you should set up passwords for WiFi, don’t leave your WiFi on if you’re not using it and turn off geotagging.



Capt. Blewett, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 94th AAMDC, explains why cybersecurity is so important to Soldiers and family members at a family readiness group meeting, July 17.



# ‘Mighty Mo’ used fifth time for 599th TSB change of command

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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — Col. Shannon Cox assumed command of the 599th Transportation Surface Brigade from Col. Gust Pagonis in a change of command and retirement ceremony, Tuesday, aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Ford Island.

Cox expressed appreciation to Pagonis for his leadership of the unit.

“I want to especially thank you who through your guidance and direction have led the 599th, making it a truly professional and effective organization,” she said.

Many of Cox’s extended family from the mainland attended the ceremony.

“We wanted to come and support her. We thought it was such a great idea to have the ceremony on the Missouri. We want to make sure that she knows we are proud of her accomplishments,” said Cox’s cousin, Anthony “Mike” Pilato.

Pagonis retired after more than 27 years of service. He and his family plan to return to his home state of Pennsylvania.

“Leaving now is going out on a high note,” Pagonis said. “I like being in command, and what a command this was. I have no worries about the future of the brigade. Col. Cox is a dynamic leader who will take it to even greater achievements.”

Maj. Gen. Thomas Richardson, commanding general of the 599th’s higher headquarters, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., agreed.

“As much as we will miss Gus and his family, I have every confidence that Shannon will continue to lead the brigade to new heights,” Richardson said.

This change of command is the fifth that 599th TSB has held aboard the Missouri. A decommissioned Navy vessel may initially seem like a strange place for an Army unit to hold its ceremonies; however, the USS Missouri is the ship on which Japan signed the instrument of surrender to end World War II.

Additionally, the Missouri, which represents the end of the war, is berthed in Pearl Harbor facing the USS Arizona, the most visible symbol of Dec. 7, 1941, the beginning of America’s entry into the war.

This site of the Missouri is also significant to the 599th TSB as a unit, because the main mission of the brigade is booking and tracking ocean cargo to and from the Pacific. The Battleship Missouri Memorial berth also overlooks the pier through which much of 599th TSB cargo is shipped.

Because 599th is headquartered in Hawaii, with its subordinate units scattered throughout the Pacific in Singapore, Guam, Yokohama, Okinawa and Alaska, the brigade headquarters does not have the number of personnel required to put on a ceremony of this caliber.

Other Army units generously stepped up to lend support. The 25th Infantry Division Tropic Lightning Band provided a



Maj. Gen. Thomas Richardson (right), commander, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, passes the 599th TSB colors to Col. Shannon Cox, incoming commander, on the fantail deck of the battleship USS Missouri during a change of command ceremony, Tuesday, as outgoing commander Col. Gust Pagonis looks on.

ceremonial group for the music, and the 225th Brigade Support Battalion provided a color guard, along with ushers and a detail of troops that made the ceremony come together.



Brig. Gen. Dennis Doyle (front, right), commander, Pacific Regional Medical Command, passes the colors to Col. James Davidson, incoming commander, Troop Command, TAMC, during a change of command ceremony, Monday.

## Troop Command welcomes Davidson

Story and photo by  
**CAPT. EREN MCBRIDE**  
Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

HONOLULU — In a ceremony held at Tripler Army Medical Center, Col. James Davidson accepted leadership of Troop Command from Lt. Col. Henry Holliday III.

The ceremony took place on TAMC’s Troop Command lawn, Monday.

Davidson said he was humbled to receive this command opportunity. His previous assignment was Yongsan, Korea, where he served as executive officer for 65th Medical Brigade, Eighth U.S. Army.

“Household Six and I are blessed for being brought to such a fantastic team,” said Davidson, adding that the scenic view from Troop Command lawn “fails in comparison to the fine men and women who are standing in the formation today that make this fantastic view possible.”

Brig. Gen. Dennis Doyle, commander, Pacific Regional Medical Command, presided over the ceremony and thanked Holliday for accepting the additional responsibility while he had served as TAMC executive officer since May.

In return, Holliday thanked Doyle for the leadership opportunity.

“He (Doyle) re-established trust within our ranks through steady leadership,” said Holliday.



# Furlough, older equipment cause delays

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII  
Public Affairs Office

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Customers have been complaining about the length of time necessary to get a customer service phone call through to the Directorate of Public Works.

DPW has thus slowed from double time to quick step long enough to explain the three primary causes of these long waiting times or unanswered phone calls.



(Courtesy photo)

**1) Personnel.** DPW has been working with a short staff of personnel for some time. As hard as they work, they are still performing the functions of a full team of personnel. Subtract from that the team members who are on leave, including an occasional sick day — while leaving the same amount of telephone calls, and the caller can get the picture.

**2) Furlough.** Once the effects of sequestration hit, alternating furlough days within the directorate further exacerbated the staffing problem. Due to sequestration, the already Spartan team is down to one day per week with all existing personnel.

**3) Phones.** DPW’s offices don’t enjoy the luxury of an automated answering-trunking system with music while you wait. Instead, its older phone system is incapable of doing more than ringing until answered.

After combining these three factors, the scene isn’t hard to envision: Phones that cannot be immediately answered ring until one of the DPW staff can pick them up, or until the caller hangs up.

A few other mitigating circumstances for DPW customers pertain, like the volume of calls, which have continued to increase in recent years. Further, the 25th Infantry Division is fully back in garrison for the first time in years.

DPW is taking all of its customers’ calls as fast as possible with the resources available.

Presently, DPW is investigating ways to expedite work orders. Meanwhile, the team will continue to serve as quickly as staffing and technology permit and asks the community for continued patience and understanding.

## 516TH SIGNAL BRIGADE CHANGE OF COMMAND



FORT SHAFTER — Incoming commander Col. Cleophus Thomas Jr. (front left), 516th Signal Brigade, 311th Signal Command (Theater), accepts the ceremonial flag from Brig. Gen. Janice Haigler, deputy commander, 311th SC (T), as outgoing commander Col. Scott Baer (right), and Command Sgt. Maj. Allen Braswell (center), senior enlisted leader, look on during the brigade's change of command ceremony on Palm Circle, here, July 3. (Photo by Lin Clark Miller, 516th Signal Brigade Public Affairs, 311th Sig. Command (Theater))



Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to [news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

### 29 / Monday

**Tech Fair** — Job seekers who have access to the installation are invited to the Hawaii Defense Technology and Intelligence Career Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Fairs are also taking place at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Camp Smith, Hickam Air Force Base and Pearl Harbor. Call 655-4227 or visit [transitioncareers.com](http://transitioncareers.com) for more details.

**AMR** — Today and July 30, lanes will be closed on Aliamanu Military Reservation on Aliamanu Drive at the intersection of Kukui Drive (at the intersection of Hibiscus Street) and on Kukui Drive (near Halawa View Loop), 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 655-7393.

Also, there will be one lane road closures on Aliamanu Drive and Skyview Loop, a contraflow lane closure on Bougainvillea Loop, and road closures on Crater Rim Road. This work is expected to finish Aug. 23. Call 835-4065.

### 30 / Tuesday

**Gate Delays** — The Directorate of Emergency Services is conducting an exercise on Tuesday, July 30. Increased force protection will be at gates accessing Schofield Barracks and

Wheeler Army Airfield. DES requests patience as delays are expected for all inbound traffic during the exercise.

**H2O Off** — A water outage scheduled for repairs, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., will affect the following buildings at Fort Shafter Flats: 1528, 1543, 1547, 1556, 1558 and 1578. Call 656-2525.

## August

### 1 / Thursday

**Evening Closure** — There will be a partial road closure, with traffic being contraflowed on Schofield’s Lyman Road between Flagler and Duck roads. Traffic will be contraflowed and restricted to one lane, 6 p.m.-midnight. Call 492-6066.

### 6 / Tuesday

**Road Closure** — One lane

of Shafter’s Palm Circle Drive and the sidewalk will be closed for construction. The remaining lane will be one way; vehicular access to the Palm Circle buildings affected by this lane closure will be available from the back of the buildings. The project is expected to conclude Nov. 11. Call 835-4229.

### 7 / Wednesday

**Road Closure** — Schofield’s Lyman Road between Carpenter and Maili streets will be fully closed until Oct. 2. Local access to the Stryker large vehicle/overflow lot will be provided from Maili Street. Call 835-4370.

### 8 / Thursday

**Suicide Prevention** — An Army veteran tells his story at 1 p.m. in Sgt. Smith Theater. This ASAP presentation meets suicide prevention training. Call 655-9105.



## WELCOME BACK!

## School starts Aug. 5

SARAH PACHECO

Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Back-to-school season is always a busy time for parents and students.

To help lighten the load, we've compiled the following bulletin board chockfull of important information, dates and reminders.

Simply find your child's school and read on.

For extra ease, consider cutting out the appropriate listings to have at hand for the weeks leading up to the first day of classes.

## Hale Kula Elementary School

Principal: Jan Iwase

Contacts: 622-6380, www.halekula.k12.hi.us

Key Dates:

• **July 29** — Front office begins accepting payments for student meal accounts.

• **July 31** — New parent/student orientation in the cafeteria; sign in at 2:45 p.m., meeting starts at 3 p.m.

• **July 31** — Class list posting for grades 1-5, outside the cafeteria, 4 p.m.

• **Aug. 1** — Meet-and-greet with homeroom teachers and supplies drop-off, 2-3 p.m.

• **Aug. 5** — First day of school for grades 1-5; kindergarten screenings begin.

The parking area directly in front of the school is for staff only, 7-8:15 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m. Parking is available in the lot across the school, on Ayers Avenue.

During peak morning and afternoon hours, only one drop-off/pick-up lane will be available.

All bus riders should register at the school's front office. Reminder, a student who lives at least a mile from campus is allowed to use the bus services.

## Solomon Elementary School

Acting Principal: Sally Omalza

Contacts: 624-9500, www.solomon.k12.hi.us

Key Dates:

• **Aug. 5** — First day of school for grades 1-5.

• **Aug. 9** — Open house for grades 1-3 and 5, 5-7 p.m.

• **Aug. 14** — First full day of school for kindergarteners.

The front office is now accepting deposits for student meal accounts.

All students who have not completed their tuberculin (TB) skin tests must do so by Aug. 9.

Solomon Elementary requires all parents provide a local telephone number.

## Wahiawa Middle School

Principal: Gayle Yamaguchi

Contacts: 622-6500, www.wahiawamiddle.org

Key Dates:

• **Aug. 5** — First day of school for all students.

## Leilehua High School

Principal: Aloha Coleman

Contacts: 622-6550, www.leilehua.k12.hi.us

Key Dates:

• **Aug. 5** — First day of school for freshmen only, 8 a.m.-noon; payments accepted for meal accounts, class dues, fees, bus transportation, etc.

• **Aug. 6** — Classes (periods 1-4) for all students begin.

Students will receive a syllabus from each class the first day to determine what school supplies will be needed.

The front office is now accepting payments for student meal accounts. Parents are highly encouraged to apply for free/reduced lunches at www.ezmealapp.com.

## Helemano Elementary School

Principal: Ernest Muh

Contacts: 622-6336, www.helemano.k12.hi.us

Key Dates:

• **July 29** — Classroom postings, grades 1-5, 7:30 a.m.

• **Aug. 2** — Open house, 3-5 p.m.

• **Aug. 5** — First day of school for grades 1-5; kindergarten orientation begins Aug. 5 and concludes Aug. 9.

• **Aug. 15** — First full day of classes for kindergarteners.

The front office is now accepting payments for student meal accounts and bus transportation.

## Shafter Elementary School

Principal: Alison Higa

Contacts: 832-3560, www.shafter.k12.hi.us

Key Dates:

• **Aug. 2** — Meet-and-greet with teachers in the classrooms, 8-9 a.m.

• **Aug. 5** — First day of school for grades 1-5; there will be a meeting in the cafeteria for parents of kindergarteners only (no children), 8-8:45 a.m.

The front office is now accepting deposits for student meal accounts.

## Wahiawa Elementary School

Principal: Jamie Oshiro

Contacts: 622-6393, www.wes.k12.hi.us

Key Dates:

• **Aug. 5** — First day of school for grades 1-5; separate schedule for kindergarteners.

• **Aug. 15** — Spaghetti dinner, 5-6 p.m., and open house, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Uniform shirts will be available for purchase at the front office.

Parents must have funds in the meal and bus accounts prior to the start of school for the student to ride the bus or get his/her lunch. Parents are highly encouraged to apply online for free/reduced lunches at www.ezmealapp.com.

Please call the school for any questions.

## Wheeler Middle School

Principal: Brenda Vierra-Chun

Contacts: 622-6525, www.wheelm.k12.hi.us

Key Dates:

• **Aug. 2** — Schedule pick-up and teacher meetings, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

• **Aug. 5** — First day of school for all students.

The front office is now accepting payments for student meal accounts. Parents are highly encouraged to apply online for free/reduced lunches at www.ezmealapp.com.

## School Supplies

School supply lists can be picked up at school front offices and at some retail stores, including the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Main Exchange, Navy Exchange, Longs, Walmart and Kmart, or ordered online via school websites.

## Public School Buses

Parents whose students are entitled to free bus passes must complete an application form at <http://iportal.k12.hi.us/SBT>.

Completed forms and payment should be submitted to the school.

One-way bus coupons cost \$12.50 for a sheet of 10. Round-trip and one-way fares also may be purchased on an annual or quarterly basis.

Full rate schedules and eligibility requirements for school bus services are available at the website.

Also, the Hawaii State Department of Education launches the first phase of its "Get on Board" initiative to reform its public school bus transportation system, Aug. 5.

The pilot will serve as many as 1,000 students at 30 schools in the Aiea, Moanalua, Pearl City, Radford and Waipahu High complex areas, and includes route restoration to Aiea Heights, Halawa Heights and Waialele Elementary School attendance areas.

Another significant feature is the use of a technology solution that includes routing software, GPS tracking on buses, and an updated and contemporary contracting and procurement process.

The DOE plans to implement Get on Board at all Oahu schools by 2014-2015, and statewide the following school years.

For more information, contact the child's school or the DOE Student Transportation

Services Branch, 586-0170.

Parents also can contact the Get on Board Call Center, 206-7936 or [getonboard@hawaiidoe.org](mailto:getonboard@hawaiidoe.org).

## Child Safety

Child safety is an Army community priority.

Children younger than 10 years of age cannot be left unsupervised at a bus stop and cannot walk to school alone. They must be escorted by a parent or sibling age 12 years or older.

Policy Memorandum USAG-HI 34, "Child Supervision Policy for Army Installations in Hawaii," states the conditions under which children must be supervised.

Remember, now is the perfect time to update phone numbers, work numbers, addresses and email addresses with your school administrator. Failure to get a hold of a parent in an emergency situation could have devastating consequences.

Ensure your entire family is familiar with and adheres to these policies.

Let's do our part to keep our keiki (children) safe.



## Online Tools

To download the complete 2013-14 public school calendar, or to find additional resources to help make this year your child's best one yet, visit [www.hawaiipublicschools.org](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).

## Shafter, Solomon elementary schools have new principals

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Staff Writer

Aug. 5 may be the start of classes for students, but for two principals, next Monday marks the first day at a new school, as well.

To follow are brief profiles of Sally Omalza, acting principal, Solomon Elementary School, and Alison Higa, principal, Shafter Elementary School, to welcome them to their new posts.



Alison Higa

She replaces Robin Martin as principal of Shafter Elementary School.

Higa began her career in education as a teacher in the Honolulu District and went on to serve as a counselor in the district for 12 years. She most recently was vice principal of Salt Lake Elementary School for four years.

Higa received the Outstanding Educator

Award from Duke's Canoe Club in 1997 and was named the State Counselor of the Year in 2000.

Higa also was honored with a Volunteer Achievement Award from the Hawaii Police Activities League (HIPAL) program for 10 years of community service with local youths.

Sally Omalza

She steps in for Lynne Ajifu as acting principal of Solomon Elementary School.

The daughter of an Army colonel, Omalza attended Hale Kula Elementary School and Leilehua High School.

She has been a teacher in the Central Oahu District for 30 years, most recently serving as vice principal at Leilehua High School for four years.

She also was vice principal at Waialua Elementary School for one year.



## Commissaries offer families savings

SALLIE CAUTHERS

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — DeCA's industry partners (vendors, suppliers and brokers) are collaborating with commissaries in August to offer significant savings on back-to-school products to help parents prepare their children for the classroom.

"Your commissary is the very best choice to get food products for your children's healthy breakfasts; easy-to-prepare, healthy pack lunches; after-school snacks; and other school-related items," said Michelle Frost, DeCA's chief of promotions and marketing, in a press release.

"And," Frosts added, "we have them available at the best prices in town."

Customers should check with local store managers to verify when their commissaries will be offering the following sales events:

• **Scholarship donations.** Commissary industry partners are donating part of their sales proceeds to the Scholarships for Military Children program. Look for mass displays in the commissaries, through Aug. 21.

• **Essay contest.** School children have the chance to win one of 10 Kindle Fire tablets. Simply answer the essay question: "If I could change one thing about the world, what

would it be?" Entries must be submitted to [www.familymedia.com/dmi](http://www.familymedia.com/dmi) by Sept. 1. Also, contest sponsor Dixon Marketing will be distributing in-store, high-value coupons and in-store flyers offering more savings on items, ending Aug. 21.

• **Box Tops for Education.** Schools earn thousands of dollars per year for computers, library books, art supplies and playground equipment by clipping Box Tops coupons. Each coupon is worth 10 cents; many General Mills items will feature two Box Tops, ending Aug. 21.

• **"Salute Top Military Families."** Eight-page flyers will be available in commissaries, through Sept. 25, with a portion of each product's purchase price to be donated to the National Military Family Association, a nonprofit organization focused on issues important to military families.

• **"Back-to-School, Smart Savings Rule!"** Industry partners will provide commissary shoppers 16-page booklets with coupons for fresh meat and produce, family meal favorites and back-to-school necessities. The booklets also will include recipes for breakfast, lunchboxes, dinner and snacks, plus information on DeCA's Rewards Card.

Visit [www.mymilitarysavings.com](http://www.mymilitarysavings.com) for full details on participating products, a shopping list and more.







## Briefs

### Today

**Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet** — Enjoy delicious local style food, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., every last Friday of the month at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and at FS Mulligan's Bar & Grill (438-1974). Cost is \$14.95.

**Battalion-Level Intramural Volleyball** — 2013 tournament registration ends 4 p.m., July 26, for Aug. 5-9 tournament at Martinez Physical Fitness Center Gym. Registration opens for battalion-level and separate company-level, active duty Army, Reserve and Army National Guard units. Entries must be submitted to the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Office, Bldg. 690. Call 655-0922/8678.

**Golf Scramble** — Play in the US-ARPAC Pay Day scramble every last Friday of the month at FS Nagorski Golf Course. Call 438-9587 for details and registration or email donald.k.birdseye.civ@mail.mil.

### 29 / Monday

**Workweek Lunch** — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and FS Mulligan's Bar & Grill (438-1974) offer daily lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy buffet style or menu items.

**Pau Hana Social Hour** — Kolekole Bar & Grill hosts an after-work fun time, Monday-Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 p.m., and Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m. Enjoy discounted appetizers and domestic draft beverages. Call 655-4466.

### 30 / Tuesday

**Taco Tuesday Night** — Kolekole Bar & Grill offers three tacos, rice and beans specials for \$4.99. Call 655-4466.

### 24 / Wednesday

**Sgt. Yano Library Preschool Story Time** — Take your toddlers to the SB library for a different theme and story each week at 10 a.m., every Wednesday. Call 655-4707.

**BOSS Meetings** — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are invited to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every Wednesday to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs. Call 655-1130.

•South meetings, 11 a.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, FS Bowling Center.



Army Entertainment is getting set to launch the ninth season of Operation Rising Star, a military singing contest based on the American Idol format. Participating garrisons will conduct local competition, which will be contested in September and/or October.

Pictured here, 12 finalists in the 2012 Operation Rising Star military singing contest pose with judges, Installation Management Command leaders Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter and Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, along with former Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley, following Operation Rising Star "Finals Week" at Fort Sam Houston Theatre, here.

# Operation Rising Star 2013 preparations are underway

Story and photo by  
**TIM HIPPS**

U.S. Army Installation Management Command

SAN ANTONIO — Army Entertainment is getting set to host another season of Operation Rising Star, a singing contest for Soldiers and military family members based on the American Idol format.

Local competitions will be contested in September and/or October.

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation participation is expected to be finalized by the installation application deadline of July 29, according to Family and MWR program officers.

"We are very excited about our ninth season," said Tim Higdon, executive producer of Operation Rising Star. "It's this kind of Family and MWR programming that year after year provides fun, exciting and relevant entertainment for our Soldiers and their families."

Operation Rising Star is open to active duty military, National Guard and Reserve personnel and their 18-and-older family members. Local Operation Rising Star performers will receive \$500 for first place, \$250 for runner-up and \$100 for third place, along with a \$300 spirit award to encourage audience participation and Internet exposure of local competitions via social media and [www.oprisingstar.com](http://www.oprisingstar.com).

Local winners and, in some cases, second-place finishers, will have a shot at becoming a 2013 Operation Rising Star champion.

"Operation Rising Star is a unique opportunity for the talent in our Army family to be shared with a worldwide audience," Higdon said.

Operation Rising Star bolsters morale among troops and delivers positive reinforcement to Soldiers, military civilians and family members.

"It helps maintain our strong esprit de corps, especially during these challenging times," Higdon said.

•North meetings, 2 p.m., 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Tropics Warrior Zone.

**Teen Wednesdays** — Cosmic Bowling for teens for \$2 at Wheeler Bowling Center, WAAF, 2-4 p.m. Free shoes with a two-game minimum. Call 656-1745.

**Keiki Night** — Every Wednesday night is Keiki Night, 5-8 p.m., at Kolekole Bar & Grill (SB, 655-4466) and Mulligan's Bar & Grill (FS, 438-1974). Kids under 10 eat for a special price from the keiki menu.

## August

### 1 / Thursday

**Clay Hand Building Workshop** — Learn to work with clay from the experts at the SB Arts and Crafts Center, 1-3 p.m., Thursdays. Initial session is \$25; additional sessions are \$5. Call 655-4202 for preregistration.

### 3 / Saturday

**Ladies Golf Clinic** — Ladies can experience a free 30-minute golf lesson from PGA professionals.

By appointment only; call 655-4653.

### 9 / Friday

**FS Right Arm Night** — Enjoy "End of Summer," beginning at 4 p.m., at the Hale Ikena. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door; on sale at the Hale Ikena. Call 438-1974.

## Ongoing

**AMR Pool** — Summer hours are underway Mondays-Wednesdays and Saturdays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. AMR is closed Thursdays-Fridays.

## Community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

### Today

**New DOE website** — The Hawaii Department of Education's new website has a section specifically for military families to help find schools. Visit [www.hawaii-publicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/MilitaryFamilies/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.hawaii-publicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/MilitaryFamilies/Pages/Home.aspx).

**Haleiwa Obon Festival** — This social and cultural event is 6:30-10 p.m., July 26-27, Haleiwa Jodo Mission; honors ancestors that have passed on with dances and a festival. Call 637-4382.

**Legally Blonde** — Musical performances are scheduled now through Aug. 11 at the Diamond Head Theatre, 520 Makapuu Ave.; visit [www.diamondheadtheatre.com](http://www.diamondheadtheatre.com).

### 29 / Monday

**Job Fair** — Hawaii Defense and

Tech and Intel Career Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday, July 29, at the Nehe-lani. Free admission. Open to job seekers who have access to the installation. Also, catch any of these upcoming fairs:

•Tuesday, July 30, at Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Klipper's Golf Course Complex, Bldg. 3088 (corner of Mof-fett Street & Manning Street);  
•Wednesday, July 31, at Bldg. 4, Pollock Theatre, 2nd Floor, Camp Smith;  
•Thursday, Aug. 1, at Bldg. 1804, Tradewinds, Hickam Air Force Base; and  
•Friday, Aug. 2, at Bldg. 662, Lockwood Hall, Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

For more information and to preregister, visit [www.TransitionCareers.com](http://www.TransitionCareers.com).

### 30 / Tuesday

**Fort Shafter Legal Assistance** — FS office reopens Tuesday, July 30, with office hours of 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., every Tuesday and Friday. Appointments at Aloha Center, Bldg. 330, taken on a walk-in basis.

Legal Assistance attorneys provide services for military members, dependents and retirees on a variety of legal topics, including wills, powers of attorney and notary services, family law issues, landlord/tenant disputes, military rebuttals and more. Call 438-3637.

Schofield Barracks Legal Assistance is Bldg. 2037; call 655-8607.

## August

### 3 / Saturday

**Family Fun Fest** — Soldiers and family members are invited to attend. Is free, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Aug. 3, at the Wahiawa District Park. Enjoy free food, shave ice, popcorn and bouncers. Contact [tim.ng2@gmail.com](mailto:tim.ng2@gmail.com).

**Garden Open House** — The Board of Water Supply and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden host the 25th annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Aug. 3, in Halawa Valley's Central Park Industrial Area.

**Earth Wind & Fire** — American pop band performs 8 p.m., Aug. 3, the Neal Blaisdell Arena. Call 591-2211 or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### 5 / Monday

**Photography Competition** — The Waikiki Aquarium invites amateur and professional photographers ages 18 and older to compete for a chance to be featured in the 2014 Aquarium Calendar. Entries

Recreation  
FRG: Family Readiness Group  
FS: Fort Shafter  
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation  
IPC: Island Palm Communities  
PFC: Physical Fitness Center  
SB: Schofield Barracks

SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills  
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center  
USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii  
USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific  
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

#### Calendar abbreviations

8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command  
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division  
ACS: Army Community Service  
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan  
AFTB: Army Family Team Building  
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA  
BCT: Brigade Combat Team  
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion  
Co.: Company  
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services  
EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program  
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and

## Worship Services

Additional religious services, children's programs, educational services and contact information can be found at [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil). (Click on "Religious Support Office" under the "Directorates and Support Staff" menu.)

AMR: Aliamanu Chapel  
FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel  
HMR: Helemano Chapel  
MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks  
PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor  
SC: Soldiers' Chapel, Schofield Barracks  
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel  
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

#### Buddhist Services

•First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD  
•Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

#### Catholic Mass

•Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR  
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF  
•Sunday services:  
- 8:30 a.m. at AMR  
- 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex  
- 11 a.m. at TAMC  
•Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m. TAMC

#### Gospel Worship

•Sunday, noon. at MPC  
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

#### Islamic Prayers and Study

•Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex  
•Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC  
•Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

#### Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

•Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

#### Pagan (Wicca)

•Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex Room 232

#### Protestant Worship

•Sunday Services  
-8:45 a.m. at MPC  
-9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel  
-10 a.m. at HMR  
-10:30 a.m. at AMR  
-10:45 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)  
-11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)  
**Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)**  
•Sunday, 9 a.m. at WAAF

## This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to [aafes.com](http://aafes.com) under realtime movie listing.



### Epic

(PG)

Fri., July 26, 7 p.m.  
Sat., July 27, 6 p.m.  
Thurs., Aug. 1, 7 p.m.



## Monsters University

(G)

Sat., July 27, 2 p.m.  
Sun., July 28, 2 p.m.

No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.



# JSC preparations underway

Registration begins Aug. 12 for annual all-services conference hosted by Army

**JOINT SPOUSES CONFERENCE 2013**  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Operation HOOAH! is in full swing, here, as the Army takes the lead on this year’s Joint Spouses Conference, which will be held at the Nehelani, Saturday, Oct. 5.

The mission of this year’s conference and Operation HOOAH is to celebrate the adventure of being a military spouse.

“While our lifestyle is inherently challenging, there are incredible opportunities that come our way, and one of those is living in Hawaii,” said Sheila Johnson, JSC director. “This year’s conference will challenge spouses to try something new, do something different, learn a new skill, meet new people.”

JSC 2013 offers a wide variety of workshops and adventure-driven activities, a phenomenal guest speaker, an information expo, a light breakfast, lunch and wrap-up party with entertainment.

Registration always fills up fast, so early registration is encouraged, beginning online at 7 p.m., Aug. 12, at [www.jschawaii.com](http://www.jschawaii.com) for the opportunity to grab a conference spot and book favorite workshops.

The JSC is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to conduct educational and informational workshops for spouses of active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retirees from armed services, as well as spouses of international military officers assigned to a U.S. military unit.

The conference is designed to enrich, enlighten and empower attendees in their roles as spouses, parents, professionals and community leaders. Participating in this annual event is an amazing way for up to 400 spouses from across



the services to network while sharing their experiences in paradise and military life.

Some of the workshops scheduled include a hands-on Thai cooking experience presented by Plumeria Café and, for the more daring, a fun-filled North Shore water adventure, complete with stand-up paddling, ocean kayaking and water war on an IMAT.

Additionally, the Hale Koa Hotel will share the secrets to making perfect tropical cocktails in Mixology 101, and military spouse, Jessie Higa, will take participants back in time on a historical trolley tour of Schofield Barracks.

Something for everyone is at this year’s conference.

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**Online Registration**

Registration begins 7 p.m., Aug. 12. Attendees must be preregistered to attend the conference, and spots are anticipated to fill up quickly.

Consult the Joint Spouses’ Conference 2013 Facebook page for frequent updates on new workshops and conference details at [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Joint Spouses-ConferenceHawaii2013/115975418600719?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Joint-Spouses-ConferenceHawaii2013/115975418600719?ref=br_tf).

# Annual festival spotlights safety awareness, Aug. 6

**ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES**  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A fun-filled evening is planned for families at the annual National Night Out celebration to be held 4 p.m., Aug. 6, at the Kaena Community Center, here.

The festivities kick off with a parade of exhibitors and ends with a movie on the

lawn at 7 p.m., so bring your chairs and blankets.

Local award-winning entertainer Henry Kapono headlines a full schedule of live entertainment, and more fun can be found at the bounce houses and glitter tattoo booth.

Exciting exhibits, demonstrations and activities promoting safety within homes and in the community will be showcased by Island Palm Communities, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii and its Directorate of Emergency Services.

Kids are encouraged to ride their bikes to the event and test their skills navigating a cool bike rodeo course, and parents can get their keiki fingerprinted and introduce their little ones to McGruff the Crime Dog and Eddie the Eagle.

Staff and volunteers from the Neighborhood Watch program will be on hand with important safety tips and news about initiatives.

To sweeten things up, a Pineapple Dessert Contest will be held with cash prizes awarded to the top three entries.

National Night Out has been held across the country for 30 years to heighten safety awareness and promote police-community partnerships and crime prevention. This event brings communities together.



Event-goers are likely to run into McGruff the Crime Dog and pick-up some great tips on staying safe at this year’s National Night Out event at Kaena Community Center, Schofield Barracks, Aug. 6. (Photo courtesy Island Palm Communities)

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**On the Web**

For more information about this year’s National Night Out and the Pineapple Dessert Contest, log on to [www.islandpalmcommunities.com](http://www.islandpalmcommunities.com).



# Missing medical appointments impacts readiness

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HONOLULU — The recent rate of no-show appointments in military treatment facilities (MTFs) are at an average of 5.78 percent, and they have reached as high as 9.01 percent. Of significance, when a patient misses an appointment without canceling, that patient also keeps another patient from using that appointment slot.

The Pacific Regional Medical Command defines a “no show” as an individual — a Soldier, retiree or family member — who misses or is late to an appointment without canceling or rescheduling. Skipping an appointment negatively affects patient care, future appointment setting and continuity of care, according to the PRMC.

Patients may perceive their health care as a free Army benefit; however, appointments provide a monetary value in Army resources and staff time.

**No show information reminders**

The following list examines the importance of a military medical appointment.

- Showing up for scheduled appointments saves time and resources.* Therefore, cancel properly and in a timely manner, if you are unable to attend an appointment. Doing so allows physicians to schedule other patients during the time slot you were unable to meet.
- Also, primary care managers are able to make the best use of their time and skills when patients show up for their appointments on time.
- No shows negatively affect continuity of care.* If a patient fails to show up for an appointment on time, he or she may experience continued or undiagnosed health problems.
- An appointment missed by one is an appointment missed by two.* Being a no show may prevent other Soldiers and family members from being able to use the appointment slot to receive

needed care.

- No shows affect Soldier readiness.* PRMC urges patients to remember that attending medical appointments allows providers to maintain continuity of care, to treat them properly and to keep them ready for the fight. Making appointments on time is another way to support fellow Soldiers.
- Take the time to appropriately cancel an appointment, if necessary.* Automated reminder calls are made to the patient up to two days before the appointment. At the time of the reminder call, an option is provided to confirm or cancel the appointment. Patients are urged to use this option.
- Use Tricare online if the appointment was booked online, if an ap-

pointment must be canceled.

- Be on time.* Soldiers, retirees and family members can ensure a positive health care experience for one another and improve their MTF and the Army health care system by meeting appointment times.
- Don’t be the next no show at your MTF. Remember, an appointment missed by you is an appointment missed by two.
- (Editor’s note: The PRMC/Tripler Army Medical Center website was used to prepare this release.)

**Cancellation Procedures**

For more information regarding how to properly cancel an appointment, visit [tricareonline.com](http://tricareonline.com).



PRMC reminds Soldiers, retirees and family members that an appointment missed may impact others. (Photo by Marlon Martin, McDonald Army Health Center Public Affairs)